

"A Happy New Year"

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TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

New Year's Day
The banks and most of the stores will be closed all day today.

It's 1909 Now
A happy New Year for everybody, and remember that it's no longer 1908, but 1909.

Football Game
For those who wish to take them, there will be wagons leaving the corner of Eleventh and Commercial at 2 and 2:15 o'clock for the football game.

Probate Order
In probate court yesterday an order was made approving the third accounting presented by John H. Koch and J. P. Bell, executors of the estate of Theresa O'Brien.

Tables Are Ready
Danziger & Company, the well known clothiers, announce to their patrons that the new tide tables, which they put out annually, are now ready for distribution and will be gladly handed out to all who desire them.

Lights Turned On
In celebration of the closing of the old year and the commencement of the new the lights in the court house were all kept burning last night, from 6 o'clock in the evening until 1 o'clock this morning, when Janitor Bue turned them off. Thus every window in the building was illuminated.

To Elect Officers
The Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and other business, at the church parlors this evening. All members are expected to be present, and friends are invited.

Off To Mexico
H. B. Parker has just returned from a short sojourn in Portland, with friends of his youth, Messrs. Whitehouse and Leonard, who used to be in business in Astoria in the good old days. He enjoyed the visit very much; and now that he has disposed of his hotel business by lease to Messrs. Durham & Dibble, will leave shortly for Southern California and Mexico, and spend the balance of the winter there.

Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.

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FOOTBALL GAME THIS AFTERNOON

THE HIGH SCHOOL ELEVEN WILL MEET THE O. A. C. "BEAVERS."

This afternoon the last and best football game of the season will be played. The Astoria High School eleven and the "O. A. C. Astoria Beavers" will contest for honors.

The High School will not be handicapped as in the last game, as their full team is now out. Troyer, left tackle, having returned to the game. He is fully recovered from his recent injuries and will greatly strengthen the left side of the line.

The last two or three days Coach Abrcrombie has been out with the boys, having donned a suit and with his aid the second team has given the first team some hard scrimmages.

For the "Beavers," Keck, the big O. A. C. fullback is expected to be the bright and particular star. He is reputed to be the best and most daring line plunger ever turned out at O. A. C., and in his punting and place-kicking he is second only to Clarke and Moulton of Oregon, and his teammate, Wolff of O. A. C. Mattson and Wilson, two members of the O. A. C., second team, are also expected to show up in good form. The game will be called at 2:30 sharp. Wagons will leave the corner of Eleventh and Commercial streets at 2 and 2:15.

At The Stroke of 12

With the blare of trumpets, the ringing of bells, the shooting of crackers, and the firing of many guns the new year was ushered in at midnight. Promptly at 12 o'clock the noises and the merriment commenced, and still at 2 o'clock there was much activity on the streets. It was a happy New Year for everybody, apparently. Despite the warnings of the police that the writing on show windows would not be tolerated it didn't seem possible to stop it, and nearly every store window in town had the year 1909 chalked on it. Many people sat up to watch the new year in and the old one out, and there were many merry parties.

The Accordion Case

Erland Johnson, the man who lost his accordion, and Peter Nissenen, the man who is accused of having stolen it, had their day in court yesterday, and the conclusion of the matter was that the judge and no one else could arrive at any conclusion. The trial was not completed, and will be continued Saturday afternoon. Nissenen was brought back from Rainier yesterday morning by Sheriff Pomeroy, and in the afternoon was arraigned. He pleaded not guilty. Through the aid of an interpreter each side told its story. Nissenen defended himself by stating that he had bought the accordion in Portland from a man for \$20 and a sweater. He looks like a hard working man and his defense carried some conviction with it. Mr. Brownell, assistant prosecuting attorney, conducted the investigation. Before the commencement of the hearing Justice Goodman had the complaining witness and the defendant each play a tune on the accordion, and as each played it equally well it did not seem possible to get prejudiced in either man's favor.

Blasting Ordinance

On December 11 Mayor Wise affixed his signature to the blasting ordinance adopted by the council, and an ordinance becomes effective 20 days after the Mayor has appended his signature. Therefore the blasting ordinance goes into effect today, and by its provisions no person may do any blasting in the city without first having obtained a permit to do so from the city surveyor, Mr. Tee. The ordinance also provides that the city surveyor may refuse to grant such a permit in his discretion, and in every case the contractors or others doing the work must put up a bond of not less than \$1000 conditioned to meet all damages that the blasting may do. Attention was directed to the matter yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock, by a blast that was heard and felt over half the city, coming from the vicinity of the rock crusher up on Fifteenth street. Further than this, Mr. Tee announces that he will positively not grant permits to use dynamite; he will endeavor to stop the use of dynamite altogether. Mr. Tee has been making a study of the matter and states that the experts declare that the slow burning black blasting powder should be used, and not dynamite. "The first man that uses a stick of dynamite from this date on,"

said Mr. Tee yesterday, "will be arrested if I can get trace of him." There might be minor exceptions to this stringent rule granted in case of apparent need. Mr. Tee says the dynamite charges used have been needlessly heavy. A heavy penalty is provided for violations of the ordinance.

Bad News At Hand

Charles G. Palmberg, the well known contractor of this city, yesterday morning received the distressing news of the illness of one of his children, who with their mother, are spending the holidays with friends and kinsmen in Duluth, Minn., and he left on last night's express en route to that city. The best wishes of his many friends in Astoria go with him for the early recovery of the little one and the safe return of the family to their home here.

Athletic Clerk

Definite arrangements have been made with W. A. Kinney, of Portland, to act as clerk of the Athletic Club. He is a cousin of Dr. A. W. Kinney of this city.

GET READY--BE IN THE BIG CROWD

Once every year there is an event in merchandising that is worthy of public approval. That is the annual clearing sale of Danziger & Co., Astoria's greatest clothiers. The big establishment begins each January, just before invoicing, to clear out all fall and winter goods at prices that bring trade to Astoria for miles around. They go at things with a sharp price; knife and cut prices out of semblance to value. This year Mr. Danziger bought at San Francisco from a big wholesale house, retiring from business, several thousands of dollars worth of fine suits, pants, overcoats, and cravenettes at such a low price for spot cash, that Astoria will enjoy a bargain picnic worth a good deal to the consumer. Every department in the big store is cut wide open. No favorites played, only on contract goods, that is, such goods as are bought from makers under contract to be sold at a certain price. The sale begins 9 a. m. Saturday, January 2, 1909, and lasts for two weeks. You will let anything keep you away. You will not be disappointed in styles, qualities or trifle lots in prices. Don't come before 9 a. m. Saturday as the doors will not open until that hour. A couple of salesmen will work night and day if necessary, marking down and arranging the big stock for the sale, and it will positively open on time, but no sooner.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Alice E. Wilson to J. H. Harriman lot 6, block 12, Elk Creek Park; \$75. Alex Gilbert and wife to Alex Gilbert Jr., tract beginning where county road intersects south boundary line of S. 16, T. 6 N., R. 10 W.; \$1.

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WILL NOT OBJECT TO NEW MEMBERS

WATER COMMISSIONERS TALK OVER QUESTION OF THEIR SUCCESSORS.

At the meeting of the water commission yesterday afternoon the members discussed at length the question of the provision of the city charter which demands a payment of \$25 in taxes to the city "as a condition precedent to election to membership in that body."

It was apparently decided, though in an informal way, that events will be permitted to take their course. The right of any of those elected to take their seats will not be contested by any of the present holders of office. This was agreed to be the wisest and best course for several reasons, the principal one being that at all events five of the incoming members are unquestionably entitled to take their seats and they constitute a majority. The laws provide that the members of the commission shall hold their offices "until their successors are elected and qualified," and the question arose because of the presumed inability of several of the gentlemen recently elected to qualify under the provision of the city charter.

It was pointed out that these five can readily qualify, no matter how the charter may be construed: L. Bergman, J. W. Welch, F. A. Fisher, Gust Holmes, J. E. Ferguson. That is, they all pay more than \$25 in city taxes.

It was also suggested that there might possibly be a question about the ability of A. Brix, Frank Kankkonen, Peter Gimre, and Sofus Jensen to qualify (no matter if it be true that they pay much more than the sum called for in the total of their taxes). Apparently Mr. Brix is the only one of these four who can qualify under the interpretation of the charter made by the city attorney, who included both city and school taxes. It is said the other three may have difficulty in qualifying, and on all sides there has been heard much comment and animadversion of the charter provision. Under the provision, as it is being interpreted, a man might own a fortune in bank, cannery or other local bonds, or might be a rich man most of whose property is not within the city limits, or might be one of the ablest and best men in the city and yet because comparatively poor, would be shut out from holding office on the commission because of these facts.

Another interesting matter has been much discussed among a few of the commissioners. They have apparently not been satisfied with the initiative legislation which took away their life tenures of office. There has been some talk of testing this in court.

The commission met yesterday for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the past month. The bills amounted to \$355.50 and the pay roll to \$804. The resignation of Frank Crang as inspector was read and accepted. Mr. Crang is going with the Union Oil Company. It was the last meeting of the old commission.

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